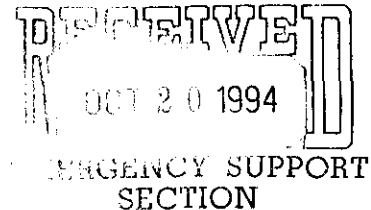


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Re: Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois, Inc., Gary, Indiana General Notice of Potential Liability

Dear Ms. Beasley:

By this letter, Witco Corporation ("Witco") responds to the EPA's September 28, 1994 General Notice of Potential Liability concerning the Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois ("CCCI") Site. To the extent required by law, Witco is willing to perform or finance its fair share the activities described in the September 28, 1994 General Notice of Potential Liability letter.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552 and regulations relevant thereto, Witco hereby makes a Freedom of Information Act Request ("FOIA") for copies of all documentation in the United States' possession which supports EPA's allegation that Witco is a responsible party at the CCCI Site.

Please forward the EPA's response to Witco's FOIA request and all other future correspondence relating to the CCCI Site to the undersigned at the address indicated above. My direct dial is (203) 552-2806 [voice] and (203) 552-2869 [fax].

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "James A. Nortz", written over a horizontal line.

James A. Nortz
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cc: A. C. Fullerton WWH

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